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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
ABILENE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
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v.	§	CASE NO. 1:24-CR-00065-H-BU
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JOHNNIE CHRISTOPHER RUIZ (1)	§	

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PLEA OF GUILTY  
BEFORE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Defendant, JOHNNIE CHRISTOPHER RUIZ (1), by consent and under the authority of *United States v. Dees*, 125 F.3d 261 (5th Cir. 1997), appeared with counsel before the undersigned United States magistrate judge for the purpose of entering a plea of guilty under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Defendant was placed under oath and personally examined in open court by the undersigned concerning the subjects in Rule 11(b)(1) and the undersigned determined that Defendant understood each subject.

Defendant pleaded guilty, under a plea bargain agreement with the government, to Count One and Two of the three-count Indictment charging Defendant with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) Production of Child Pornography.<sup>1</sup> After examining Defendant under oath, the undersigned magistrate judge finds the following:

1. Defendant, upon advice of counsel, has consented orally and in writing to enter this guilty plea before a magistrate judge subject to final approval and sentencing by the presiding district judge;

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<sup>1</sup> Ruiz previously pleaded guilty to the same charges on February 13, 2025, but the plea agreement contained a sentencing agreement under Rule 11(c)(1)(C), which was rejected by the Court. The rearraignment in this Report and Recommendation reflects Ruiz's decision to persist in his guilty plea to the same counts, notwithstanding the rejected sentencing agreement.

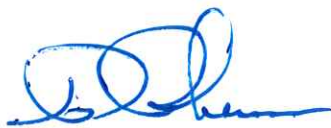
2. Defendant fully understands the nature of the charges, including each essential element of the offense(s) charged, and the associated penalties;
3. Defendant fully understands the terms of the plea agreement and plea agreement supplement;
4. Defendant understands all constitutional and statutory rights and wishes to waive those rights, including the right to a trial by jury and the right to appear before a United States district judge;
5. Defendant's plea is made freely and voluntarily;
6. Defendant is competent to enter this plea of guilty;
7. There is a factual basis for Defendant's plea of guilty; and
8. The ends of justice are served by acceptance of Defendant's plea of guilty.

Based on the above, I recommend that Defendant's plea of guilty be accepted, that Defendant be adjudged guilty, and that sentence be imposed accordingly.

Although I have conducted these proceedings and accepted Defendant's plea of guilty, the United States district judge has the power to review my actions and possesses final decision-making authority in this proceeding. Thus, if Defendant has any objections to these findings or any other action of the undersigned, he is required to make those known to the United States district judge within fourteen (14) days of today.

The Clerk will furnish a copy of this Order to each of attorney of record.

Signed on: 7th day of August, 2025.



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JOHN R. PARKER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE